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INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENT

1. This question paper consists of **NINE** pages with **TWO** sections only.
2. Shade your answers for **Section A (Questions I and II)** on the OMR sheet.
3. Write your answers for **Section A (Questions III and IV)** and **Section B** in the Answer Booklet.

SECTION A: TENSES [40 MARKS]

Question I

Instructions: For questions 1-10, identify the **BEST** answer.

1. A four-month old baby apparently _____ of dehydration after the thieves _____ the stolen car.
   A. died ; abandon
   B. died ; abandoned
   C. had died ; abandoned
   D. had died ; had abandoned

2. By the time we finish this trimester, we _____ fifteen quizzes and tests.
   A. complete
   B. will complete
   C. have completed
   D. will have completed

3. While Yasmin _____ the scenes of the accident which took the lives of her parents, she _____ to control her tears.
   A. narrates ; also struggles
   B. narrated ; also struggled
   C. has narrated ; was also struggling
   D. was narrating ; was also struggling

4. During *Seijin-no-hi* festival (Coming of Age Day) in Japan, women _____ *furisode*, a style of *kimono* with long sleeves, while the men _____ the traditional trousers with pleats called *hakama*.
   A. wear ; don
   B. wore ; donned
   C. had worn ; donned
   D. wore ; had donned

5. Amir never _____sugar in his coffee. He _____ the bitter taste of coffee.
   A. puts ; always liked
   B. has put ; always liked
   C. puts ; has always liked
   D. has put ; has always liked

6. The water level in Temerloh is rising rather quickly. It _____ heavily for the past five days.
   A. is raining
   B. has rained
   C. has been raining
   D. had been raining

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7. Mark : I _____ a jug of iced lemon grass tea because I assume you _____ thirsty after working for hours in the hot sun.
Pauline : Thanks, Mark. That's so sweet of you.
A. prepare ; feel
B. am preparing ; felt
C. had prepared ; will feel
D. have prepared ; will be feeling

8. Taufiq and his friends usually _____ at the last row during our lectures. However, today we have a new lecturer, and they _____ at the first row right now.
A. sit ; sit
B. sat ; sat
C. sit ; have sat
D. sit ; are sitting

9. The foundation students _____ hard for their final examination for the past two weeks.
A. work
B. had worked
C. were working
D. have been working

10. After spending so much money fixing the car for the past few months, Danny believes that it _____ like new.
A. will run
B. is running
C. will have run
D. will have been running

(10 marks)

Question II

Instructions: For questions 11-20, identify the **CORRECT** answer based on the statements or rules given.

11. Which of the following is **TRUE** about the past participles?
A. The past participle verb always ends with *–ed* or *–en*.
B. The past participle verb is used in the past perfect tense.
C. The past participle of a verb is the same as the past tense verb.
D. The past participle is used in the main verb of perfect progressive tenses.

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12. Which of the following shows **an event which is in progress**?
A. Harlem has bought five series of the novel so far.
B. They have been practising hard for the event for three hours.
C. The students are visiting the book fair at the convention centre next week.
D. Working late at the office has become a norm to many accountants and auditors.

13. Which of these sentences shows that **the exact time of a past action is unknown or insignificant**?
A. The vase is broken.
B. We saw the movie last night.
C. Zaman was waiting at the Jelatek LRT Station.
D. We have won numerous prizes and trophies so far.

14. Which of the following is the **time clause** of the following sentence?
You will be able to vote when you are twenty one years old.
A. will be able to vote
B. twenty one years old
C. you will be able to vote
D. when you are twenty one years old

15. Which of the following has the same meaning as the following sentence?
The soldiers have been suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder since they returned home.
A. The soldiers experienced post-traumatic stress disorder.
B. The soldiers are still having post-traumatic stress disorder.
C. The soldiers do not have post-traumatic stress disorder now.
D. The soldiers will have post-traumatic stress disorder later when they return home.

16. Which of the following tenses fits the following statement?
The future tense cannot be used in clauses beginning with time expressions such as when, before, after, as soon as, etc. Instead of the future tense, the _____ *tense is used.*
A. Simple Past
B. Past Perfect
C. Simple Present
D. Present Perfect

17. Which of these sentences describes **two or more continuous actions happening simultaneously over a period of time in the past**?
A. Zane is dancing while Jane is singing.
B. When I was preparing dinner in the kitchen, my phone rang.
C. My sisters were swimming while I was enjoying my new book.
D. Mother was cleaning the house the whole morning because my grandparents are coming to visit.

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18. Which of the following has the same meaning as the following sentence?
"Please tell Beatrice that I am waiting for her."
A. The speaker waited for Beatrice for two hours.
B. The speaker will be here when Beatrice gets here.
C. If Beatrice is quick, the speaker might still be here.
D. The speaker has been waiting for her for two hours.

19. Which of the following tenses fits the following rule?
A Sports Commentator would use the _____ tense when narrating the dramatic events of a match in a live commentary.
A. Simple Past
B. Simple Future
C. Present Perfect
D. Present Progressive

20. Which of the following tenses fits the following statement?
In order to describe **an action which was completed before a particular moment in the past**, we use the _____ Tense.
A. Simple Past
B. Past Perfect
C. Present Perfect
D. Past Progressive

(10 marks)

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Question III

Instructions: For questions 1 – 20, fill in the blanks with the correct tense. The verbs are given in the parentheses.

Bringing Back Old Favourites

The Powerpuff Girls (be) **are (0)** really powerful. Blossoms, Bubbles and Buttercup (grace) _____ (1) the Cartoon Network again with a brand new series soon. Actress Amanda Leighton voices Blossom, Kristen Li is Bubbles and Natalie Palamides plays Buttercup. Tom Kenny (reprise) _____ (2) his role as Narrator or Mayor. *The Powerpuff Girls* was first seen on Cartoon Network's *What a Cartoon* in 1995 before the series (make)_____ (3) its official debut in 1998. The girls ruled the air for six seasons before ending its run in 2005.

Another old favourite that (make) _____ (4) a return now is the 10-year-old Ben Tennyson in an all-new series *Ben 10. Ben 10* is about an ordinary kid who (find) _____ (5) the mysterious Omnitrix, which looks like a watch that allows him to become ten kinds of super powered aliens. There (be) _____ (6) many versions of *Ben10* since the original series aired in 2005. This year, the fifth series is scheduled to premiere.

At a meeting with Christina Miller, president and general manager of Cartoon Network and Boomerang, we asked why she brings back old series. "That is the question we ask ourselves. We do, because we want to make sure we are recreating series for the right reason, and we are actually recreating them for this generation of audience," she responded.

"This can be a shared experience between the people who (grow) _____ (7) up on it, and the people who come into it, and that's a rare opportunity you get to do with a show that is so iconic, that can stand the test of time. *Powerpuff Girls* did that for us. We are very excited to recreate it. Moreover, *Ben 10* has never really gone away. It (evolve) _____ always _____ (8) over time, and it has been so successful. While planning to recreate the series, we (look) _____ (9) for a challenge. We thought that we could just re-air the old episodes but that wasn't the direction that we wanted to go. We (want) _____ (10) to create a show that had a little more heart, a little more humour that seems to drive our audience and where we have our most success," she added.

Adapted from Begum, M (2016, Mar 27). Bringing Back Old Favorites. The Star, p27.

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People with 'Rage' Disorder Twice as Likely to Have Toxoplasmosis

According to the *Journal of Clinical Psychiatry*, a disorder that causes the individual to fly off the handle unexpectedly, as in road rage, has been significantly linked with toxoplasmosis, a parasite commonly associated with cat faeces. Intermittent explosive disorder (IED) (be) **is (0)** defined as recurrent, impulsive, problematic outbursts of verbal or physical aggression that are disproportionate to the situations that trigger them. Up to 16 million Americans (be) _____ (11) thought to have IED, more than the total number for bipolar disorder and schizophrenia combined.

Toxoplasmosis is a common and generally harmless parasitic infection that is passed on through the faeces of infected cats, contaminated water or undercooked meat. It (affect) _____ (12) around 30% of all humans but is normally hidden. Research (reveal) _____ (13) that the parasite is found in brain tissue, and it has been linked to a number of psychiatric conditions, including schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and suicidal behaviour. At the moment, Dr Emil Coccaro and some researchers from the University of Chicago (look) _____ (14) for more effective ways to diagnose and treat IED and impulsive aggression.

In one of the studies conducted, the authors (evaluate) _____ (15) 358 adult Americans for IED, personality disorder, depression and other psychiatric disorders and gave them scores for traits such as anger, aggression and impulsivity. They also screened for toxoplasmosis using blood tests. They then (classify) _____ (16) the participants into three groups: approximately one third had IED, one third were healthy controls with no psychiatric history, and one third (receive) _____ (17) a diagnosis for a psychiatric disorder but not IED. The purpose of the last group was to enable the team to distinguish IED from other psychiatric factors. Findings (show) _____ (18) that 22% of those with IED tested positive for toxoplasmosis exposure, compared with 9% of the healthy control group and 16% of the psychiatric control group.

The psychiatric group and the healthy group (have)_____ (19) similar scores for aggression and impulsivity, but the group with IED scored far higher on both counts than either of the other two groups. An association emerged between toxoplasmosis and impulsivity. However, when the team adjusted for aggression scores, this association became non-significant, indicating a strong correlation between toxoplasmosis and aggression. The authors (point) _____ (20) out that the findings do not mean that toxoplasmosis causes IED, or that people with cats are more likely to have the condition. It simply reveals a relationship.

Adapted from Brazier, Y. (March 23, 2016). People with 'Rage' Disorder Twice as Likely to Have Toxoplasmosis. Retrieved from http://www. medicalnewstoday.com/articles/308233.php

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Question IV

Instructions: For questions 1 – 10, create **ONE** sentence using the verb in the form of tense stated below. The sentence must fulfill the usage or function of the required tense and the minimum number of words in each sentence is five. You should include time reference words and underline the verb in the sentence.

Example:

0. *begin (Simple Present Tense)*

*The aerobic session usually **begins** at 7 p.m. every Friday.*

1. agree (Simple Present Tense)
2. take (Simple Past Tense)
3. bring (Simple Future Tense)
4. speak (Past Progressive)
5. record (Future Progressive)
6. see (Present Perfect)
7. leave (Past Perfect)
8. complete (Future Perfect)
9. work (Past Perfect Progressive)
10. study (Future Perfect Progressive)

(10 marks)

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SECTION B: SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT [20 MARKS]

Question I

Instructions: The following extract contains 11 errors in subject-verb agreement. Identify 10 errors and correct them as shown in the example. The first error is stated as the example.

EXAMPLE:	No	Line	Error	Correction
	0	2	seems	seem

Digital Zion

If you had the opportunity to live forever, would you take it? The obstacles to keeping your body alive indefinitely still **seems** insurmountable, but some scientists thinks that there is another leeway opened up by digital technology: creating a digital duplicate of your "self" and keeping that "alive" online long after your physical figure has ceased to function.

The proposal is to clone a person electronically. Unlike the familiar physical clones that has identical features as their parents, your electronic clone would believe itself to be you. How might this be possible? The first step would be to map the brain.

How? The plan rely on the development of nanotechnology. Ray Kurzweil - one of the prophets of artificial intelligence, predict that within two or three decades, we will have nanotransmitters that can be injected into the bloodstream. In the capillaries of the brain, they would line up alongside the neurons and detect the details of the cerebral electronic activity. They would be able to transmit that information to a receiver which are hidden inside a special helmet or cap, so there would be no need for any wires protruding from the scalp.

As a further step, Ray Kurzweil also envisage the nanotransmitters being able to connect you to a world of virtual reality on the internet, similar to what was depicted in the film *Matrix*. With the nanotransmitters in place, by thought alone, you could log on to the internet and instead of the pictures coming up on your screen, they would play inside your mind. Rather than sending your friends e-mails, you would agree to meet up on some virtual tropical beach.

For Ray, this would be quite literally, heaven. Once you uploads the brain onto the internet and log on to that virtual world, the body can be left to rot while your virtual self carry on playing Counter Strike for ever.

To exist on the net, you will have to have your neural network parked on the computer of a web-hosting company. These companies, along with the best broadband provider, wants real money in real bank accounts every year or they

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will wipe your bit of the hard disc and sell the space to someone else. With your body six feet underground, how will you pay? Here, the analogy with heaven really breaks down. God keeps heaven going for free, but the web are something you have to pay for.

Adapted from http://fullspate.digitalcounterrevolution.co.uk/english-articles-advanced/digital-heaven.html. Retrieved on 20 March 2016.

(10 marks)

Question II

Instructions: Using the words given in the box, fill in the blanks with the correct form of verb in **Simple Present Tense**. Use each option ONLY once.

look	**suffer**	**be**	**use**	**demand**
sound	**have**	**lead**	**capture**	**tell**

1. The majority of children in that poor country _____ from famine due to a long drought.
2. _____ there plenty of artefacts for the curator to keep record?
3. The ideas proposed by the representative of the Student Council _____ convincing.
4. The acrobatic show performed by the young dancers _____ the heart of the audience.
5. The equipment which you ordered _____ to be verified and approved by the board of trustees.
6. One of the lecturers _____ that we be on time.
7. That pile of laundry at the corner of Jerome's room _____ very untidy.
8. Studying a new language often _____ students to learn about the cultures of the countries where it is used.
9. Sixty-two percent of the people in that city _____ biodegradable packaging in their household.
10. Quite a number of the mythological stories _____ of heroes encounters with imaginary animals like dragon, unicorn and phoenix.

(10 marks)

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